

ROUTT COUNTY WILDLAND FIRE MULTI-AGENCY ADVISORY GROUP

THE ROUTT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAVE INITIATED A COUNTY-WIDE FIRE RESTRICTION PER ORDINANCE 99-1.

THIS ORDER BECOMES EFFECTIVE TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2006 AT 1700 HOURS (5:00 P.M.) AND WILL REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL RESCINDED BY THE ROUTT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

The fire restriction applies to all private and state owned lands outside of municipal boundaries. There may also be restrictions within city/town and federal lands.

Specific activities restricted are:

- 1. Building, maintaining, attending or using any fire to burn trash, debris, fence rows or vegetation, any campfire, warming fire, charcoal grill, except in designated campgrounds, picnic areas or developed recreational sites.
- Smoking; except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area of at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.
- 3. Operating a chainsaw without a USDA or SAE approved spark arresting device properly installed and in effective working order, and chemical pressurized fire extinguisher of not less than 8 ounces capacity by weight, and one round pointed shovel with an overall length of at least 36 inches. The extinguisher shall be with the chainsaw operator. The shovel may be kept with the fueling supplies but readily available for quick use.
- 4. Welding or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame; except within an area that is barren or cleared of all flammable material at least 10 feet on all sides from the equipment.
- 5. Using explosives requiring fuse blasting caps.

Exemptions from Fire Restriction:

- 1. Persons with a valid written permit from the jurisdictional federal agency or Sheriff of Routt County and which specifically authorize the prohibited act.
- 2. Any federal, state or local office or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of official duty.
- 3. Any fires contained within liquid-fueled or gas fueled stoves, fireplaces within buildings, charcoal grill fires at private residences and permanent fire pits or fire grates located in developed picnic grounds and campgrounds.
- Burning of irrigation ditches located within and completely surrounded by irrigated farmlands where such burning is necessary for crop survival and specific written permit has been granted in advance by the Routt County Sheriff.

Should you have any questions, please call the Routt County Sheriff's Office at (970) 879-1090 or the Routt County Office of Emergency Management (970) 870-5551. Thank you for your cooperation.